

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 28 with the following

Anchor element 11 (see **Figures 1 and 7**) is disposed in the distal portion of the flexible body portion and can be at least one of a ring (as shown in **Figure 7**) and an electrode. In various embodiments, anchor element 11 and tendon wire 106 are constructed from electrically conductive material so that the tendon wire/anchor element assembly serves as part of the deflection mechanism and as a reference electrode, as discussed above. For example, **Figure 2** shows electrical interface 38 coupled to the tendon wire so that an instrument ~~(not shown)~~ 39 can receive an electrical signal from tendon wire 106 to be used as a reference signal to be compared with the electrical signal obtained from tip electrode 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 19 with the following:

In various embodiments, the distal portion of guide catheter 10 has a first piece of elastically deformable material disposed on a first area. In addition, a second piece of elastically deformable material is disposed on a second area of the distal portion of guide catheter 10. The second area being approximately 180 degrees from the first area. Thus, the two pieces of elastically deformable material lay on opposite "sides" of the distal portion of guide catheter 10. The two pieces of elastically deformable material are formed from material having a higher modulus than the plastic coating (e.g., jacket material) that the elastically deformable material displaces. **Figure 7 shows first piece 101A of elastically deformable material and second piece 101B of elastically deformable material connected to the distal portion of guide catheter 10.**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 10 with the following:

In other embodiments, a coil of elastically deformable material can be used either in place of or in conjunction with the two pieces of elastically deformable material described above. If used in conjunction with the two pieces of elastically deformable material, the coil can be coupled either to the interior or exterior portions of each of the two pieces of elastically deformable material. **Figure 7 shows coil 103 that is connected to exterior portions of each of first piece 101A of elastically deformable material and second piece 101B of elastically deformable material.**